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CAIRO FOR AMBASSADOR EILTS

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SUBJECT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT CARTER AND PRESIDENT SADAT

1. PLEASE INFORM PRESIDENT SADAT (PRESUMABLY THROUGH MUBARAK, SINCE WE UNDERSTAND SADAT IS IN ASWAN) THAT PRESIDENT CARTER THINKS IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR THEM TO MEET DURING PRESIDENT'S CURRENT TRIP. PRESIDENT CARTER HAS BEEN INFORMED BY AMBASSADOR EILTS THAT SADAT WOULD ALSO WELCOME SUCH A MEETING.
2. GIVEN FACT THAT HE HAS AN EXTREMELY TIGHT SCHEDULE ON JANUARY 3-4, THE PRESIDENT WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING. HE COULD ADVANCE HIS DEPARTURE FROM RIYADH WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 4, AND ARRIVE IN ASWAN AT 8:50 AM. HE WOULD LIKE TO HOLD HIS ASWAN STOP TO ABOUT ONE HOUR IF POSSIBLE IN ORDER TO KEEP TO HIS SCHEDULE IN PARIS LATER THAT DAY, LEAVING ASWAN AT 10:05 AM. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, WOULD IT BE CONVENIENT FOR SADAT TO MEET AT THE AIRPORT? PRESIDENT WOULD BE HONORED TO INVITE SADAT TO MEET WITH HIM ON AIR FORCE ONE IF THAT WOULD FACILITATE MATTERS.
3. ALTERNATIVELY, IF SADAT WOULD PREFER, PRESIDENT WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH HIM IN RIYADH, EITHER ABOUT 10 PM EVENING OF TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, OR FOR BREAKFAST AT 7 AM

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JANUARY 4. IF SADAT WOULD SEE MERIT IN THIS ALTERNATIVE, WE WOULD NEXT NEED TO CONSULT SAUDIS, WITH WHOM WE HAVE NOT BROACHED THIS IDEA PENDING SADAT'S REACTION.

4. IF SADAT AGREES TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT AS PROPOSED, PLEASE ASK HIM TO EXTEND THE PRESIDENT'S REGRETS TO CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT FOR THIS BRIEF INTRUSION INTO HIS VISIT TO EGYPT--THE IMPORTANCE OF WHICH HE IS CERTAIN SCHMIDT

WILL UNDERSTAND.

5. PLEASE ASK WHAT SADAT'S VIEWS ARE ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. WE WILL NEED A LITTLE TIME TO INFORM ISRAELIS AND OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES AND WOULD OURSELVES PREFER ANNOUNCEMENT, TO BE COORDINATED WITH EGYPTIANS, WHILE PRESIDENT IS IN NEW DELHI SUNDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 1-- PROBABLY LATE IN THE DAY NEW DELHI TIME WHICH WOULD BE EARLY AFTERNOON IN EGYPT AND EARLY MORNING IN WASHINGTON.

6. FINALLY, PLEASE TELL SADAT THE PRESIDENT VERY MUCH APPRECIATED HIS FULL REPORT ON HIS DECEMBER 25 MEETING WITH BEGIN. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO REVIEWING WHERE MATTERS STAND IN THE NEGOTIATIONS WHICH HAVE RESULTED FROM SADAT'S BOLD INITIATIVE, AND TO HEARING HOW SADAT WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE NEGOTIATIONS ENVOLVE IN THE NEXT PHASE. THIS WILL BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO HIM IN PREPARING HIS INSTRUCTIONS TO SECRETARY VANCE FOR HIS ATTENDANCE AT THE OPENING SESSION OF THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE OF THE CAIRO CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM.

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